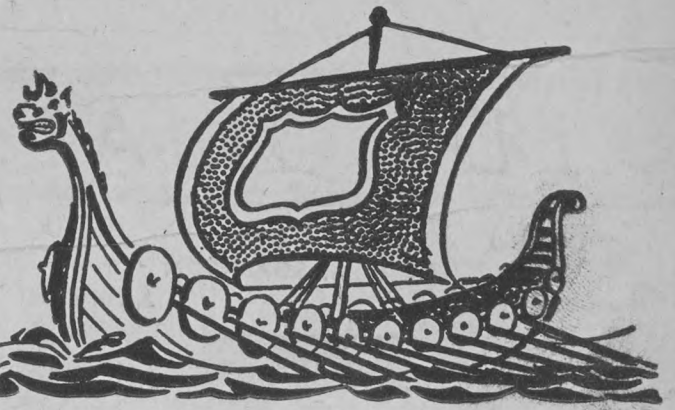


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## Iceland's Prime Minister Visits Edmonton



Icelandic prime minister Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson and his wife (right) are shown with Mrs. Jennie Sigurdson of Innisfail (second from left) and Mrs. Rosa Benediktson of Red Deer, daughters of the famous Icelandic-Canadian poet, Stephen Stephansson. A memorial to the poet, erected in 1950 by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, is seen in the background.

(Photo courtesy Red Deer Advocate)

It was an exciting afternoon, Friday, August 7th, 1964, as 20 people of Icelandic descent waited anxiously in one of the airport suites for the Prime Minister of Iceland, Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson, his wife, Sigridur Bjornsdottir and son Bjorn, to arrive. Finally, the big moment arrived and the Prime Minister and his party were ushered into the room by president of the Icelandic Society in Edmonton, Mr. Leifur Oddson. Pert, little Arlene Valgardson presented Mrs. Benediktsson with a bouquet of flowers and curtsied. Doctor Benediktsson, his wife, Mr. Grettir Leo Johannson, Consul to Iceland, from Winnipeg and his wife walked among the people and were introduced. Everyone had the opportunity to talk with the gracious guests and many pictures were taken.

At 3:00 p.m. they were escorted to their car by a member of the R.C.M.P. and left to attend a tea in their honor given by Lieut. Gov. Mr. J. Percy Page and Mrs. Page at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Grettir Johannson, Mr. and Mrs. Leif Oddson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumarladason.

Later that day there was a banquet in honor of Dr. Benediktsson and his party at the Scandinavian Centre. They were chauffeured from the Macdonald Hotel to the dinner by Messrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson and Walter Arason. The guests proceeded through a receiving line to their tables for dinner. Before dinner commenced Mrs. Gus Roland played God Save the Queen, followed by the Icelandic National Anthem, sung by Mrs. R. Decosse. Mrs. Chris MacNaughton, Fjallkona for 1964, gave the blessing.

Following the dinner, president Leif Oddson gave an interesting speech welcoming our visitors and presented them with a wooden fruit bowl, hand-crafted in Edmonton. Dr. Benediktsson replied, first briefly in Icelandic, then in English. He gave an outline of the first Icelandic settlers to come to Canada and commented on how well they had done. He also said these people had opened the window to the world for the people who remained in Iceland. Dr. Benediktsson remarked that he was surprised to find

the number of people who still spoke Icelandic or understood the language.

A short but extremely entertaining program followed the dinner. Mrs. Margaret Decosse sang two selections in Icelandic and Mrs. Viola Wallbank sang a medley of western songs. Two sets of high stepping guys and gals from the International Order of Foresters square danced to caller Gerry Landers. Dr. Benediktsson commented later that it was the first time he and his family had seen square dancing. Coffee and dainties were served and people were free to chat with the honored guests and friends.

The Prime Minister was pleased to discover a relative among the guests — Mr. Barney Eyford of Hay River, N.W.T.

At the close of the evening a circle was formed around Dr. Benediktsson and his party and everyone serenaded them with "Now is The Hour." Mrs. Decosse sang a final song in Icelandic and the guests departed.

The next morning the Prime Minister and party were taken in a motorcade to Red Deer where they were guests at a luncheon presented by the City of Red Deer, E. E. Stephenson of Red Deer and Walter Maxson of Innisfail at the Capri Motor Hotel.

Dr. Benediktsson and his entourage next motored to Markerville, which is 20 miles southwest of Red Deer, to pay homage to noted Icelandic Canadian poet Stephan G. Stephansson (1853 - 1927). The Prime Minister visited the late poet's farm home, laid a carnation spray at his grave then motored to the park where a cairn was erected in 1950 by the Historic Sites Monuments Board of Canada.

Later at a coffee party at Fensla Hall in Markerville, Dr. Benediktsson reflected on Stephansson's work, "He is one of the greatest our country has ever produced."

On Sunday, Dr. Benediktsson and his party left for Vancouver via Banff and Kelowna and he will visit the United States before returning home.

Dr. Benediktsson was invited to Canada to take part in Gimli's 75th Anniversary celebrating Icelandic Day (Islendingadagurinn).



# ...EDITORIAL...

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK  
BY S. A. SORENSON



## GRATITUDE! GRATITUDE! GRATITUDE!

Each morning as we arise, we should be thankful for all the blessings that are ours. We should be grateful for loyal friends, for memorable holidays, for the affluent society that provides us with so many material blessings, along with a good measure of freedom. We should look forward to the challenges of the day with a renewed sense of optimism and accomplishment, and be prepared to accept the responsibilities of the day.

I'm sure that we are all grateful, and be prepared to accept the responsibilities of the day. enthusiastic management of Tom Nielsen.

## CENTRE BASEMENT DEVELOPMENT ALMOST COMPLETED:

On August 21st, I visited the Centre and Tom showed me the work in progress on the basement — the framework was already up, the insulation packed in for sound-proofing and most of the gyproc on, the heat ducts in place, and the electrical wiring completed. He explained that much had been done by volunteer labour.

I'm sure everyone will be pleased with the general plan as prepared by Rudy Sund. Basically it is the plan generally agreed upon by the various lodges — i.e. — a Nordic Room to be identified with the Norwegian and Swedish Lodges, the Dania Room for the Danes, and the Finnish-Icelandic Room for the Finns and Icelanders. Thus every group will be identified with the Centre and will be responsible for decorating and adorning their particular areas.

For all this progress, for Tom Nielsen, for Rudy Sund, for all the volunteer workers, we must be truly grateful.

## TWO SUMMER CHARTER FLIGHT

### PASSENGERS RETURNED HOME:

The Stockholm and Copenhagen Flights returned safely to Edmonton on August 8th and 22nd respectively. Mrs. Margaret Eliasson, director of the Stockholm Flight, stopped in at my office and expressed great enthusiasm over her flight. The only complaint — 4 weeks was too short a time. Elsewhere in this paper Margaret will tell you about her flight.

Yes we are grateful for two more successful flights sponsored by the Scandinavian Centre.

## THE SCANDINAVIAN RADIO HOUR

### ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED:

For my part, I enjoy convening the Norwegian portion of the Scandinavian Program heard every other Sunday on Radio Station C.K.U.A. at 4:10 p.m. Be sure to listen August 30th, September 13th and September 27th.

I appreciate the letters, the phone calls, and the favourable comments received on behalf of the talented artists who have appeared on my program. Most of all, I enjoy the fellowship with the talent we find in our community and their enthusiasm in participating.

I invite you to listen to a new series of programs entitled "Our Norwegian Heritage".

Yes, we are grateful to radio station C.K.U.A. for giving us the free time granted us so that we may have an opportunity to make a contribution of that which is good in the background and culture of Scandinavia.

## THE CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEET AUGUST 11TH . . .

Here are the highlights:

- Fourteen share applications accepted.
- Exhibition Booth report by Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen shows net profit of \$1,084.07.
- Fall Dance on September 25th, 1964, to be arranged.
- Gordon Pearson's resignation accepted with regret. He is going to California to make his home. We wish him and his family well.
- Mrs. Vera Nielsen appointed director of the 1965 Summer Flight schedule for June 25th.
- Tom Nielsen reported all Fridays and Saturdays in 1964 booked at the Centre.
- Scandinavian Day at Elk Island Park on July 26th reported very successful. Next year's annual Scandinavian Day set for Sunday, July 25th, 1965.
- \$22,637.66 worth of bills were recommended for payment.

And we are grateful to the editorial staff of the Scandinavian News for providing us with a medium of expression.

## ICELANDIC CLUB NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Gislason son enjoyed a three week visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Helen Kaplun of Athabasca.

Mrs. Larry Chmelyk and daughters Kim and Lori spent a week's holiday with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Longmore of Winnipeg. Joan and Margaret are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Henrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. George O'Hara motored to Toronto to visit their daughter, Colleen. Colleen returned home with her parents and enroute they stopped to visit relatives in Winnipeg.

Mr. Barney Eyford returned to Hay River, N.W.T., after making a special trip to attend the dinner in honor of the Prime Minister of Iceland, Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson. Mr. Eyford's son, Emil, of Fort Simpson, N.W.T., also attended the proceeded on to the Okanagan proceeded on to the Okanagan Valley for a holiday.

Our good friend, Mr. Jack Henrickson, is back in Colonel Mewburn Hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him up and about soon.

Mr. A. W. Ledger of Vancouver is visiting at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Janssen and family of Edmonton and Mrs. Wm. Janssen Sr. and son, Bill, of Penhold motored to Iowa for a Janssen family reunion.

Mrs. Gudrun Vigfusson is spending the summer month visiting relations in Winnipeg and Lunda, Manitoba.

Mr. Frank Gislason of Athabasca recently attended the Track and Field meet in Edmonton and took first place in the shot put trial. It's his second year as shot put champion. Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gislason and is in Grade 7 at Athabasca.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Valgardson have been entertaining. Earl's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sigmundson of Gimli, were their guests in July and in August Pearl's two sisters and niece arrived from Pearl's home province of New Brunswick. They are Mrs. Eldon Giggie and Mrs. George Clark and daughter, Elaine, of Ferry Road, New Brunswick.

Mrs. R. J. Pratt of Saskatoon visited with her good friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sumarladason. Mrs. Pratt who was formerly a newspaper reporter with the Star-Phoenix of Saskatoon, interviewed Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson, Prime Minister of Iceland and Mrs. Benediktsson, and was writing other articles for papers and magazines while here.

Mrs. O. V. Gislason and son Brian, of Athabasca have been visiting relatives and friends in Edmonton.

July and August are wonderful months for holidays and those who enjoyed a change of scenery are: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lane and small daughter Susan, relaxed on a camping trip in the Rocky Mountains; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell motored to Gimli for the 75th Anniversary of Islingadagurinn; Mr. and Mrs. Eaman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Helge Danielson of Gimli, Mr. and

Mrs. Henry Sumarladason visited friends and relations at Elfros, Saskatchewan; Mr. and Mrs. Cam Smith took a scenic drive through the Yellowhead Pass and into Wells Gray Park in B.C.; Mr. Joe Johnson is holidaying in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gislason and grandson, Grant, of Vancouver are vacationing at the home of Mr. Gislason's sister, Mrs. Muriel Isfeld.

## Birthdays . . .

"Be noble in every though  
And in every deed."  
Our birthday greetings for September are sent to:

Mrs. Margaret Gislason, September 11th.

Mr. Barney Eyford, September 29th.

Mr. Mike Johnson, September 29th.

## Births . . .

MADSEN — A son, Karl Anker, born on August 2nd to Marg (nee Kristjansson) and John Madsen.

Mrs. E. F. Kristjansson of Colonsay, Saskatchewan visited with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Madsen.

## Visitors From Sweden Visit Edmonton And District

Cousins of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kvarnberg and family and Eric Kvarnberg of Buford, and Mrs. F. O. Simmons and Verna Kvarnberg of Edmonton were visitors during the summer.

Herbert Dragsten, timber inspector and friend, David Anderson, house painter, made the trip via Scandinavian Center flight, and Monica Dahlberg travelled on a special students flight from Stockholm to New York. From New York she made the remainder of her journey by bus to various points in Canada and the United States.

Monica, a graduate of Uppsala University where she majored in languages, will teach English and German in a Swedish school.

Among the high-lights of their trip was their attendance at the Calgary Stampede as a guest of Verna Kvarnberg. Verna and her parents, Emil and Lilly Kvarnberg took them on a motor tour of the Rocky Mountains when they stopped at Jasper and Banff.

There was a family and community gathering in their honor at Willow Creek school when a weiner roast and social evening was enjoyed. Eric Kvarnberg accompanied Herbert Dragsten and David Anderson on a bus tour to Vancouver and Victoria and all three visitors enjoyed the Scandinavian Centre picnic at Elk Island Park where Monica took part in the program with songs in Swedish.

They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orlie Simmons of Brazeau Dam where Orlie took them on a tour of the plant. They also visited the Alberta Game Farm.

Monica Dahlberg was a guest of her cousin Elsie Simmons and Mr. Simmons, and Verna Kvarnberg in Edmonton, when she attended a banquet and dance at the Scandinavian Centre and saw many points of interest in the city.

On her return she travelled via the west coast and made stops in San Francisco where she visited Judy (Kvarnberg) Stelford, and at Sacramento where she was the guest of Mrs. Anna Lewis.

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## Why Not In English

(Edmonton Journal Editorial)

It is one of those Canadian ironies that the prime minister of Iceland should know more about an Alberta poet than Albertans do themselves. The poet is Stephan Gudmondsson Stephansson.

His memory was honored at the weekend when Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson of Iceland journeyed to Markerville in Central Alberta, where Mr. Stephansson spent most of his adult years.

He died in 1927. Some Albertans have heard of him, vaguely. A handful may have read a few of his lines.

But in Iceland, his poetry is revered like that of Shakespeare's in English-speaking countries. Some have said he ought to be accorded the rank of a Canadian poet laureate.

The trouble is that his work remains almost entirely untranslated into English.

As a Centennial project, as a memorial to a great Albertan, as a service to all Canadians, why doesn't the Alberta government arrange for the publication — in English — of the best of Stephan Stephansson?

## Tough, Luck

"You look all in today, Bill. What is the trouble?"

Bill: "Well I didn't get home until after daylight, and I was just undressing, when my wife woke up and said: 'Aren't you getting up pretty early, Jim?' In order to save an argument, I put on my clothes and came down to the office."

Before returning to Sweden, Herbert and David were guests at the Simmons home and attended the Welcome Home coffee party at the Scandinavian Centre, also called at some of the city's places of interest. They left for home on August 20th.



## Klondike Booth Great Success

It was a question much debated, should the Scandinavians have a booth this year at the exhibition grounds or drop the whole idea? Some thought there was too much work involved and that it was not a paying proposition. Others felt having a booth was a way of promoting "Scandinavians" in the community.

Klondike days quickly rolled around and concessions in the form of wooden huts and tents mushroomed all over the exhibition grounds. Among these appeared the Scandinavian booth, glistening white, proudly displaying five flags in the community breeze.

This entailed work (a nasty word). First of all a trip was made by Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen, Harold Markstrom, Alvin Searl, Nels Naversteth and Ken Sivertsen, to the farm home of Mr. Russel Coburn to gather the parts of the pre-fab booth and haul them into the city. The next task was to assemble the building, however it was much too dirty to work with. It had to be washed, the lot of being scrub-woman fell on Alvin Searl. The painting was done by Nels Naversteth and Wegger Myhre. Erecting the heavy plywood boards with braces required the brawn and know how of Tom Nielsen, Earling Skuggedal, Ernest Johnson, Nels Naversteth and John Sather. They said there was a front and back it had to be put together just so (I suppose like when you sew a dress) and nuts and bolts (I prefer button and bows), remember the time men used nails to hold up their suspenders.

Getting back to the subject — Saturday night preceding opening week the sides and front and back of the booth were up and several people had agreed to meet at the grounds to put the roof on. This consisted of a large tarpaulin, heavy winds and rain put a damper on the job delaying it for another day, which turned out to be Sunday. The afternoon of Sunday saw the booth complete and open for business.

All week three cooks, a barker and cashier kept the business ringing with a Capital "C". This required a 16 or 17 hour day with little time out. Our Scandinavian barker Joe Lineham, dressed in Klondike costume took on a job that required talent, humor and stamina. He proved he had these by the steady crowd of people who came to be served. His wife Clara trim in her bonnet and dark print ankle length dress was equally adept at the cash register. The food department was managed by Alvin Searl, assisted by Maisie Amdam, who capably handled the potato chips that were always in great demand. Other indispensable people were the waitresses and waiters who donated time to this work. They were constantly on their toes — didn't have room for much else, did you ever try bending without protruding somewhere — space was extremely scarce — however everyone survived.

On behalf of Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen, Director of booth activities and Mr. Alvin Searl your correspondent was asked to convey special thanks to Maisie Amdam, Joe and Clara Lineham. Also sincere thanks to the following ladies: Cora Kolstad, Mrs. E. Skuggedal, Mrs. Emma Krag, Mrs. Vera Nielsen and her Danish group, Mrs. Don Johnson, Mrs. Sahuri, and members of the Finnish Society, the Icelandic group and friends from Sons of Norway. Mrs. Algot who phoned for and received 30 pies, and to all those who donated pies, 80 in all

were received, more could have been sold if they had been offered.

From the proceeds of the week of long hours and arduous work a check for \$1,053.07 was turned over to the Scandinavian Centre. Through the efforts of the workers a stove and coffee urn was bought and a down payment for a refrigerator was made possible.

## SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

Some thirty friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Larson in July for a surprise party honoring Mr. Richard Larson. The occasion marked Mr. Larsons 70 birthday. The largest surprise of the evening for Mr. Larson was the entrance of Walter Larson and his family from Hamilton, Ontario, who had been visiting with Shirley and Victor. Walter, Mr. Larson's second eldest son, had last been in Edmonton in 1952 when his mother passed away. This was the first time out West for his wife Muriel, and their two children Karen and Nancy. Following the party Walter and his family went to spend the week with Mr. Larson and his eldest son Lee, who own a farm north of Morinville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Travis and family spent 10 days camping at Waterton Parks in the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal and boys spent two weeks holidaying at Vancouver, B.C. during the month of August. Knut's mother accompanied them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Nils Hovde received the happy news of the birth of a grandson, born August 5th. The proud parents are Edel and Ed Mickla of Fort St. John, B.C. They also have two girls. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mickla reside at Daysland, Alberta.

A lovely sweater was found left at the Scandinavian booth during exhibition week. The owner may claim it by phoning 489-4533.

Mr. Peter Hansen's father was again a visitor from Denmark to the city in June. He came over on the chartered flight.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dreyer spent five days holidaying in August at Sylvan Lake resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sorenson, Sharon and grandmother Sorenson enjoyed three weeks holiday in July, on a sight seeing tour to Jasper and Vancouver. They motored to took the train to Prince Rupert, Jasper, leaving the car there and B.C. From Prince Rupert they went on a boat cruise to Vancouver. Two days and two night was spent on the boat which was a most enjoyable and scenic trip. They returned to Jasper by train, where they again took their car driving down through Bristish Columbia and home again via the States.

Mrs. Tordis McRoberts is now residing at 4861 - 107th Street, phone 434-4273. She has tentative plans for a two week holiday trip to California. Her eldest daughter Elba is to be married there on September 4th.

## Bowling News

Mrs. Inger Borgerson, bowling secretary for the new season reports that bowling will begin September

## DANIA DOINGS

Friday, September 11th is the date to remember, as it will be the beginning of the season for "DANIA", we will open this season with a Banquet and Dance and hope to see all the familiar faces and many others for this. It will be held in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Avenue. Have you seen the Centre yet? Here is your chance so hurry up to order your tickets from any one of the Directors, the last day will be Wednesday, September 9th, as the caterers must know, how many to prepare for. See the advertisement on the back page of this paper.

"BIKUBEN" will meet on Monday, September 21st at 8:00 p.m. at 10029 - 85 Avenue., hope to see many turn up for this meeting. All Danish speaking ladies are very welcome.

How many are interested in starting a Chess Club? Let us see by showing up to a meeting in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Avenue on Tuesday, September 29th at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Robert Villadsen will be the chairman for the evening.

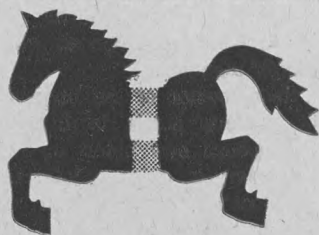
On September 23 will be a whist drive evening, please come in time, so we can start to play at 8:30 p.m. sharp, as it is a Wednesday evening, we can get home in good time being a workday next day. After the game we will get a light lunch. There will be prizes for the best and the poorest lady and gentleman. So please come and join in this social affair. Everybody welcome. See the advertisement for time and place.

Congratulations to "DANIA'S" president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sorensen, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on August 27th. Good luck for the next 25 years.

You can purchase coffee, home-made cake, Danish pastry or what have you from Vera Nielsen every afternoon from 2 to 5 except Saturday and Sunday at the Scandinavian Centre. Why don't you take your friends out to see the Centre and enjoy a cup of coffee in the beautiful Viking Room.

15th at the Windsor Bowl, any one interested in bowling this year may contact her by phoning 599-7862.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Halberg and son spent two weeks in July holidaying at Alberta Beach.



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## Negro Leader King Favored For Nobel

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Two Danish newspapers have supported the idea of awarding the prize to Dr. King. Copenhagen's influential Conservative newspaper Politiken wrote: "The proposals to award the Nobel peace prize to Dr. King have our warm approval not only because the American Negro leader is unreservedly a worthy candidate but because it would be an event of great symbolic significance."

And Sjaellands Tidende commented: "there is no doubt that Dr. King's motives are honest and his principle of non-violence commands our respect. He does not seek to revolt against society but he wants society to live up to his ideals."

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded annually by a special committee of the Norwegian Parliament and the announcement of its choice is made at the end of October or early in November.

The committee has shown courage in making controversial awards. Two years ago the Peace Prize was awarded to the colored South African leader Albert Luthuli and last year's award went in part to the American atomic scientist Linus Pauling.

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### BUFORD BY-LINES

At the July meeting of the Buford Lodge No. 577 the members were happy to welcome two new members, Charlie and Tillie Erickson.

The Midsummer Eve celebration in the form of a weiner roast held at the home of Albin and Wanda Markstedt was very well attended and very much enjoyed by all. Sounds of strumming guitars and singing voices echoed and re-echoed through the tree till signs of a new dawn showed on the horizon.

Get well wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Uno Nystrom, who recently, have both had the misfortune to spend some time in the hospital.

A gay welcome-home party was held on July 6th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson in honor of Ray Pearson and Ray Dixon on their return home from a trip to Sweden.

Guests of the Emil Kvarnberg family for a six week stay are Herbert Dragsten and David Anderson, both of Sweden. Eric Kvarnberg accompanied them on a visit to Vancouver for ten days. A stop-off at Kelowna, home of Frank and Signe Carlson proved very enjoyable, and the hospitality overwhelming.

On August 11th Buford Lodge members enjoyed a pot luck supper

### FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Mr. T. Salomaa would like to thank the Finnish Society and his friends for all the flowers and gifts he received when he was recently in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ikonen of Thorhild were visitors at the Scandinavian picnic.

Miss Anita Ruth of Dawson Creek, B.C., was in Edmonton recently after holidaying through the Okanagan Valley.

A thank you goes to Mr. E. Honka who has donated a film which he took at the Scandinavian Centre opening ceremonies to the club.

Mrs. M. Heinonen would like to thank all the Finnish ladies who surprised her with all the lovely

to celebrate jointly the homecoming of these fellow members.

Fourteen youngsters from Buford attended children's week at Vasa Park for seven wonderful days of swimming, games and fun. Carol Pearson, Wanda Markstedt and Floyd Modin went along to donate their assistance for the week.

May we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Gerda Erickson whose mother, Mrs. Carl Osbak passed away recently.

gifts at a baby shower. Special thanks to Mrs. Y. Jaakkola who was the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Leino and Riisa motored to Manitoba with Mr. and Mrs. P. Hahmo and family of Calgary for a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Heiskanen of Alaska visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Honka before moving to Mississippi, where Mr. Heiskanen has been stationed.

Miss Ulla Vesalainen spent a wonderful holiday in Penticton and Oliver, B.C.

A general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa on September 1st, at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Luhtala, Jane, Johnny, Jacky and Joey travelled to Jasper, Banff and Calgary during their holidays recently.

The first sewing-circle of the season will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Nahkuri on September 16th. The address is 12034 - 45th Street. Everyone is cordially invited.

The Edmonton Finnish people would like to thank the Eckville Finnish people for inviting them to the picnic which was held at Sylvan Lake, August 16th. The Edmontonians would like to thank the cooks especially for the delicious "kala soppa" served. All reported having had a wonderful time.

Members are reminded that applications for the bursary must be submitted not later than September 15h. Please contact Mr. O. Virtanen at 479-8185 for any further details.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the first social evening of the season to be held in the Devlin Banquet Room, October 3rd. There will be a smorgasbord followed by a program and dance. An orchestra will be in attendance from 9 until 12 p.m. Please contact any of the following people for tickets: Mr. T. Salomaa, Mr. O. Virtanen, Mr. A. Ruth, Mr. V. Kujala, Mr. J. Luoma or Mr. V. Rastas. Tickets may also be bought at the door.

### Sweden Builds New Hotels

Sweden has made special preparations for this summer's tourist season by building several new hotels in Sweden's largest cities.

Canadians visiting Sweden this summer will find that the hotel situation is now better than ever before. This year alone, 12 new hotels have been opened with 1,200 rooms together.

Reso, owner of the biggest chain of modern hotels in Scandinavia, has opened new hotels in Sweden's three largest cities. Sjöfartshotellet in Stockholm was opened in June and is located in central Stockholm with most of its 185 rooms facing a beautiful view from Lake Malaren.

Hotel Opalen in Gothenburg will open later this summer and features 240 rooms. The third Reso-hotel, St. Jorgen in Malmo in southern Sweden, offers 350 rooms and will welcome its first guests early this fall.

All these new hotels are in modern Scandinavian design and all rooms are equipped with bath, radio, telephone and other facilities.

### Denmark Prince Dies

Prince Axel of Denmark, 75, a cousin of King Frederick, died in hospital July 14th, in Copenhagen. He had represented Denmark on the International Olympic Committee. He pioneered motor sports in Denmark and for 18 years, beginning in 1920, was president of the Royal Danish Automobile Club. He was also one of the first Danes to hold a pilot's licence.

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### Vasa Lodge Skandia Meets At Vasa Park

The August 1st meeting was held at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake.

Persons reported sick were: Ed Petterson, Charlotte Samuelson, Hank Wiberg, Linnea Christenson and Magnus Pearson.

The Lodge thanked Sister Holmgren for making camp week, once again, a big success.

Sister Kurz reported that the Children's Club now has 37 members, aging 6 to 14 years. She was congratulated on her work with the children over the past year.

The October 3rd meeting will be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

Election of nominating committee consisting of the following persons was held: Violet Watson, Gertrude Holmgren, Willard and Evelyn Modin, Larry Comin and Peter Johnson.

Entertainment Committee: Peter Johnson, Pat Johnson, Pauline Johnson, Violet and Bert Watson.

The Smorgasbord will be held on October 10th in the new Scandinavian Centre.

Lunch was served by Violet Watson, Elsie Comin, Anna Sund and Betty Pearson. Applications for new members should be turned in at the September meeting. Next meeting will be held September 5th at 8 p.m. in Skandia Inn, Vasa Park.

### Notice To Bowlers . . .

Bowling will start on September 11th, 9:00 p.m. at the Coral Bowling Lanes. Please note change of

### VASA GLIMPSES

Margaret and Eric Engvall have been holidaying in Vancouver and Vernon, B.C. and Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Poulson sent greetings from Vernon to Vasa members and friends.

Mrs. L. Erickson visited her daughter and son-in-law in Winnipeg. She later spent a week in Vancouver visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lundgren and daughter of Winnipeg, visited relatives and friends in Edmonton. While here they travelled to Jasper and Miette for a short holiday, accompanied by Mrs. S. K. Erickson and Mrs. Mary Pearson. She also spent a few days at Vasa Park.

On August 2nd at Vasa Park, Julius and Pearl Hober showed some interesting films of their travels to Hawaii, Pearl Harbour and around Edmonton. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Knut and Helen Engstrom are now residing in Kamloops, B.C.

October 10th is the date of the Smorgasbord to be held in the Scandinavian Centre.

time, due to desire of bowlers at the bowling banquet.

New executive are Larry and Elsie Comin. Please contact the executive if you wish to bowl this season. You can help make their job an easier one by letting them know if you want to bowl. Phone: 433-5659.

Don, Evelyn and Jim Johnson are motoring to Denver, Colorado to visit their daughter, Geri.

Mr. and Mrs. John Enger have been holidaying in Salt Lake City.

Winnie Pearson and family have been to Vancouver, B.C. attending the wedding of Shirley Ann Moline and Nicholas Scowan on July 4th. Paul and Evelyn Moline, former Vasa members, are parents of the bride. Winnie brought back greetings to Vasa members and friends from Oscar Carlson of Vancouver.

Carl and Marleen Johnson are proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Melin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna May, to Mr. C ascy Cornelius Vane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick Vane of Apeldoorn, Holland. The wedding to take place September 5th at Strathearn United Church, 2:30 p.m.

Teckla Nylen has been in Lacombe visiting with Anna and Edward Eliasson.

Many friends and relatives visited Teckla Nylen at a surprise birthday in her home. She received many floral tributes and gifts and a birthday cake for this occasion.

Charlotte and Roy Samuelson are proud parents of a baby boy, Bruce Edward.

Rudy, Sonja Sund and family have been holidaying in Kamloops and Kelowna, B.C. visiting relatives and friends. They also travelled through Banff, Jasper and Calgary.

Bud and Gertrude Holmgren, Gus and Helga Johnson have been holidaying and fishing at Coleman. On returning home Bud and Gertrude visited with Nels Carlson at Edson, who sent greetings to all members and friends in Edmonton.

Anna Bergquist is now working in Vancouver, B.C.

### Ladies' Auxiliary To Meet

The first Vasa Ladies meeting of the season will be held on September 23rd at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. G. Rydman, 11247 - 65th Street.

All members are welcome to attend and preparations for the Smorgasbord, on October 10th in the Scandinavian Centre, will be planned.

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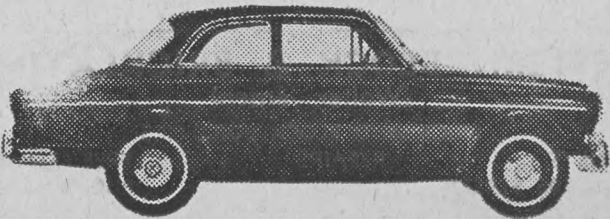
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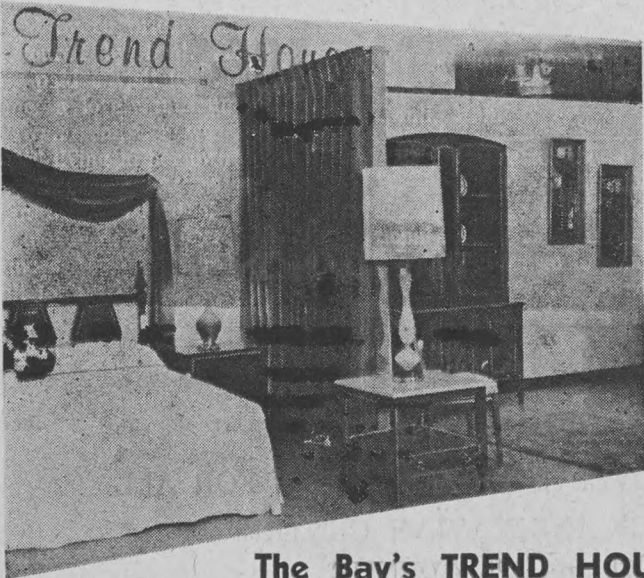
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